

5.3.1 High-Range Gas. Concentration equivalent to 80 to 100 percent of the span.

5.3.2 Mid-Range Gas. Concentration equivalent to 40 to 60 percent of the span.

5.3.3 Zero Gas. Concentration of less than 0.25 percent of the span. Purified ambient air may be used for the zero gas by passing air through a charcoal filter, or through one or more impingers containing a solution of 3 percent H₂O₂.

6. Measurement System Performance Test Procedures

Perform the following procedures before measurement of emissions (Section 7).

6.1 Calibration Gas Concentration Verification. There are two alternatives for establishing the concentrations of calibration gases. Alternative Number 1 is preferred.

6.1.1 Alternative Number 1—Use of calibration gases that are analyzed following the Environmental Protection Agency Traceability Protocol Number 1 (see Citation 1 in the Bibliography). Obtain a certification from the gas manufacturer that Protocol Number 1 was followed.

6.1.2 Alternative Number 2—Use of calibration gases not prepared according to Protocol Number 1. If this alternative is chosen, obtain gas mixtures with a manufacturer's tolerance not to exceed ± 2 percent of the tag value. Within 6 months before the emission test, analyze each of the calibration gases in triplicate using Method 6. Citation 2 in the Bibliography describes procedures and techniques that may be used for this analysis. Record the results on a data sheet (example is shown in Figure 6C-3). Each of the individual SO₂ analytical results for each calibration gas shall be within 5 percent (or 5 ppm, whichever is greater) of the triplicate set average; otherwise, discard the entire set, and repeat the triplicate analyses. If the average of the triplicate analyses is within 5 percent of the calibration gas manufacturer's cylinder tag value, use the tag value; otherwise, conduct at least three additional analyses until the results of six consecutive runs agree with 5 percent (or 5 ppm, whichever is greater) of their average. Then use this average for the cylinder value.

6.2 Measurement System Preparation. Assemble the measurement system by following the manufacturer's written instructions for preparing and preconditioning the gas analyzer and, as applicable, the other system components. Introduce the calibration gases in any sequence, and make all necessary adjustments to calibrate the analyzer and the data recorder. Adjust system components to achieve correct sampling rates.

6.3 Analyzer Calibration Error. Conduct the analyzer calibration error check by introducing calibration gases to the measure-

ment system at any point upstream of the gas analyzer as follows:

6.3.1 After the measurement system has been prepared for use, introduce the zero, mid-range, and high-range gases to the analyzer. During this check, make no adjustments to the system except those necessary to achieve the correct calibration gas flow rate at the analyzer. Record the analyzer responses to each calibration gas on a form similar to Figure 6C-4.

NOTE: A calibration curve established prior to the analyzer calibration error check may be used to convert the analyzer response to the equivalent gas concentration introduced to the analyzer. However, the same correction procedure shall be used for all effluent and calibration measurements obtained during the test.

6.3.2 The analyzer calibration error check shall be considered invalid if the gas concentration displayed by the analyzer exceeds ± 2 percent of the span for any of the calibration gases. If an invalid calibration is exhibited, take corrective action, and repeat the analyzer calibration error check until acceptable performance is achieved.

6.4 Sampling System Bias Check. Perform the sampling system bias check by introducing calibration gases at the calibration valve installed at the outlet of the sampling probe. A zero gas and either the mid-range or high-range gas, whichever most closely approximates the effluent concentrations, shall be used for this check as follows:

6.4.1 Introduce the upscale calibration gas, and record the gas concentration displayed by the analyzer on a form similar to Figure 6C-5. Then introduce zero gas, and record the gas concentration displayed by the analyzer. During the sampling system bias check, operate the system at the normal sampling rate, and make no adjustments to the measurement system other than those necessary to achieve proper calibration gas flow rates at the analyzer. Alternately introduce the zero and upscale gases until a stable response is achieved. The tester shall determine the measurement system response time by observing the times required to achieve a stable response for both the zero and upscale gases. Note the longer of the two times as the response time.

6.4.2 The sampling system bias check shall be considered invalid if the difference between the gas concentrations displayed by the measurement system for the analyzer calibration error check and for the sampling system bias check exceeds ± 5 percent of the span for either the zero or upscale calibration gas. If an invalid calibration is exhibited, take corrective action, and repeat the sampling system bias check until acceptable performance is achieved. If adjustment to the analyzer is required, first repeat the analyzer calibration error check, then repeat the sampling system bias check.